

Tracy Subbasin GSP Coordination Committee Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 2025

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Opening of Meeting/Roll Call

A. Call the Meeting to Attention and Conduct Introductions

The meeting was called to order at approximately 3:04 PM. Roll call found the following Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SMGA) Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) representatives for the Tracy Subbasin (Tsb) present via teleconference for the regular Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Coordination Committee (Committee) meeting:

- San Joaquin County GSA
 - Robert Granberg
 - Ashley Couch
 - Venki Narasimhalu
 - Alex Chetley
- City of Tracy GSA
 - Lea Emmons
- City of Lathrop GSA
 - Greg Gibson
 - Michael King
- Stewart Tract GSA
 - John Chapman
- Banta-Carbona Irrigation District (BCID)
 - David Weisenberger
 - Kelly Wright-La Force
 - Danisha McDonald
- Byron-Bethany Irrigation District (BBID)
 - Ed Pattison

Other Attendees Included:

- Khandriale Clark, Stantec
- Emily Finnegan, Stantec
- Richard Shatz, GEI
- Michael Cornelius, GEI
- Caitlin McHugh, DWR
- George Hartman
- Karen O'Neill

II. Scheduled Items**A. Approval of the April 7, 2025 GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Minutes –
*Action Item***

1. No vote at this time due to unforeseen delay. Action to be taken at the next meeting.

B. DWR Status Report – *Discussion Item*

1. Nothing to report.

C. GSP Implementation Updates**1. Review Draft GSP Development Schedule and FY 25/26 Budget –
*Discussion Item***

- i. DWR is requesting redline and clean versions of the next GSP to demonstrate the group's decision making and clearly show what updates have been made to strive towards the Subbasin's sustainability goal. Mr. Cornelius updated the flow chart the group has been using to visually show the process for determining what type of document should be submitted to DWR (e.g., evaluation, amended GSP). The updated chart also incorporates the corrective actions.
- ii. The group discussed the types of documents due to DWR, how they should make that decision, and ultimately agreed they needed more clarity from DWR. Mr. Couch stated that the County's legal counsel could also join the discussion and help make a determination when the time comes.
- iii. The new GSP development schedule also affects the budget; thus, the budget has been extended past the five-year mark to show costs that will be spread out between 2025-2027 in alignment with the updated schedule.
- iv. Mr. Gibson asked if the budget includes funds for responding to the corrective actions or learning what needs to be done to develop those costs at a later date? Mr. Cornelius responded that the tasks in the budget may support direct response to the corrective actions, but not all corrective actions (or the group's responses to it them) have a cost associated with them. As a follow up, Mr. Gibson asked if the implementation costs for the corrective actions would be shared costs. Mr. Cornelius said yes.

- v. When discussing some of the particular corrective actions and the Subbasin's monitoring well network (Well Q in particular), Mr. Emmons stated that groundwater levels for the City of Tracy's wells to the south and west of Well Q had been odd recently and agreed something may be going on in the area. He also noted the turbidity for those wells.
- vi. Mr. Narasimhalu asked what needed to be done to ascertain what was going on. Mr. Cornelius stated that they would need to investigate. Mr. Emmons requested copies of the hydrographs from the area.

D. Inter-basin Coordination – *Discussion Item*

1. Adjacent Basin Updates

- i. Eastern San Joaquin – *San Joaquin County to Report Out*
 - a. The Groundwater Authority for the Subbasin formed an Executive Committee recently and is currently hiring for an Executive Director. Both will support driving Board agendas and moving the Authority's GSP implementation goals forward.
- ii. Delta Mendota – *City of Tracy to Report Out*
 - a. Nothing to report aside from the interbasin coordination meeting being scheduled.
- iii. East Contra Costa – *BBID to Report Out*
 - a. Nothing to report.

E. GSA Status Updates – *Round Robin Discussion*

1. Current Groundwater Conditions, Projects and Management Actions, Funding, and General Updates

- i. City of Lathrop – A bid has been selected for the Aquifer Storage Recovery Well project. Contracting is underway and anticipated to be complete within the next month. Additionally, there are four active wells that are down for maintenance. As a result, the City is using more surface water than normal to compensate.
- ii. San Joaquin County – The County is working with the firm Larsen Wurzel & Associates to develop a Prop 26 regulatory fee. The County will continue to support the Tracy Subbasin through Zone

2; however, this fee will expand the County's capacity to support financially. Mr. Gibson asked if Zone 2 covered the delta, and Mr. Couch responded that it covered the entire County.

- iii. Stewart Tract – No updates to report. Mr. Chapman asked why Stewart Tract was required to contribute to the budget if they didn't pump. Mr. Gibson stated that it was because Lathrop pumped on their behalf, so their contribution to the budget covered that pumping.
- iv. BCID – DWR visited the District recently and conducted some work on the monitoring wells in the area.
- v. BBID – No updates to report.
- vi. City of Tracy – No updates to report.

F. Facilitation Support Services – *Discussion Item*

1. Ms. Clark presented the existing scope of work Stantec has to support the Subbasin through the FSS program as well as a proposed scope of work for the next fiscal year. The new scope includes existing support (public workshops, informational materials, interbasin coordination, and continuation of ongoing engagement support) as well as a website audit and development of a governance memo.

III. Public Comments

- A. Receive Comments and Questions not Captured Within the Agenda From Members of the Public In Attendance

No public comments received.

IV. Agency Comments

- A. Receive Comments and Questions not Captured Within the Agenda From GSA Representatives

- Mr. Chetley stated that he had been in contact with a representative from MLJ Engineering regarding water accounting software they have available. The group will receive an informational presentation on the software at the next meeting.

V. Next GSP Coordination Committee Meeting Anticipated for June 19, 2025

- A. Confirm Group Availability

No conflicts noted for the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:34 PM.